

REMARKS

The present amendment is enterable after the final Office Action as it raises no new issues. In addition, the present amendment places the application in better condition, because it removes issues from consideration regarding claims 15, 16 and 17 to which the Examiner called attention in the "Response to Argument" section (paragraphs 2 and 3) of the final Office Action.

In the final Office Action, as well as in the last prior Office Action dated October 12, 2005, claims 3-10 and 12-14 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. With the present amendments, claim 1 is canceled in favor of claim 3. Claim 3 is amended to contain all of the recitations of claim 1 in the form that claim 1 appeared prior to the amendment submitted January 12, 2006. Similarly, claim 11 is canceled in favor of claim 12. Claim 12 is also amended herein to contain all of the recitations of claim 11 in the form that claim 11 appeared prior to the amendment submitted January 12, 2006.

In addition, each of claims 15, 16 and 17 are amended herein to contain subject matter which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable with respect to claim 12.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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